



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Mailed: 7/15/05

Paper Number _____

In re application of	:	
Dordi et al.	:	DECISION ON
Serial No. 09/586,736	:	PETITION
Filed: June 5, 2000	:	
For: PROGRAMMABLE ANODE APPARATUS AND	:	
ASSOCIATED METHOD	:	

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON EVIDENCE THAT A REPLY WAS TIMELY MAILED OR FILED, filed June 6, 2005. The response asks that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of May 5, 2005, be withdrawn since the applicant did timely file a response on November 24, 2004.

DECISION

The instant request has been accepted as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) - no abandonment-in-fact. A review of the evidence presented reveals that applicant's reply was properly filed on November 24, 2004 as evidenced by the copy of the USPTO date stamped return receipt postcard indicating receipt of the reply at the USPTO on November 24, 2004. Accordingly, any holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed August 25, 2004 is hereby vacated, and the application is returned to pending status.

The application shall be forwarded to the examiner for processing and consideration of the papers filed November 24, 2004.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

Jacqueline Stone, Director
Technology Center 1700
Chemical and Materials Engineering

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
2881 SCOTT BLVD. M/S 2061
SANTA CLARA CA 95050